

In this article, I will be listing my favourite musicians and then creating my dream band out of them! There is a supergroup called 'Metal Allegiance' that features Dream Theater's drummer, Megadeth's bassist and Testament's guitarist. Not a bad idea, but my band is better as you'll soon see. Wikipedia seems to suggest the band just mentioned has two current bass players which is weird. If the bassists play the same things as each other, may I suggest having the one bassist and turning him up more? If they play two different parts on the other hand, it will sound as muddy as hell and if it does, CLEARLY my band is better! Now let's go!

Here are my top three drummers:

3rd: Nicko McBrain. Ah Iron Maiden's percussionist. You'd need a creative drummer for a band famous for playing E5, C5 and D5 chords over and over and over again, wouldn't you? (Usually in that order, too). It's a damn fine chord progression though, and this sounds like I'm stealing the band's thunder, but it could explain why Maiden are so popular. Let's boost the band's self-esteem by pointing out classical musicians kept playing I, IV and V chords over and over again and no one ever complained.

2nd: Lars Ulrich. Lars has a reputation for winging things on stage but his drumming in 'And Justice For All' is pretty cool! (Yes, I am implying the drumming isn't as good in other Metallica albums). Song 'Frayed Ends of Sanity' is one of my favourite tracks on the album, not just because it refers to people like me but I really like the rising chromatic chord progression, even if theoretically speaking it's not real music. At least I don't think it is. I guess I wouldn't know.

1st: Joey Jordison. Who'd have thought a baby kangaroo would end up being the drummer of one of the most successful metal bands of all time, that being Slipknot? Interestingly, kangaroos are known for fighting as are the just mentioned band. A kangaroo being a member doesn't so strange now, does it?

Top three guitarists:

3rd: Marty Friedman. Arguably the best guitarist Megadeth had and definitely in the top two Cacophony guitarists. He's a man known for using Japanese scales (perhaps explaining his popularity in the country) and Arabic scales, perhaps in an attempt to crack that region, too. Clearly a guitarist with plans to take over the entire world, and that should be respected.

2nd: Eddie Van Halen. A guitarist known for using symmetrical scales but as far as I'm aware, there are no symmetrical countries. If there were, EVH would be a legend in them.

1st: Steve Vai. A guitarist so good I can't think of anything to say about him. (Other than his surname is a swear word in an Asian language).

Top three bassists:

Don't care. Yeah, I'd pretty much hire anyone for my dream band. Van Halen has some pretty good bass lines, but I heard it was Eddie not Michael Anthony who wrote them or at very least some of them. You can't have Eddie or indeed anyone playing bass and guitar at the same time. Not properly anyway. If you could that would be incredible and would take attention away from the music itself. It's my dream band and I don't want you to spoil it! Especially as most of my dreams are

really creepy. You're spoiling the only good dream I have? Get out now.

Top three singers:

3rd: Corey Taylor. Slipknot's frontman doesn't always scream about killing people, sometimes he sings about killing people and he does so surprisingly well. The voice of an angel! How such an angel would ever get into Heaven is a huge puzzle. Maybe he's not in Heaven because the other angels can't stand him so he's back on Earth??

2nd: Maynard James Keenan. This person has a voice of an angel too, but (most of) his songs aren't quite so hateful. The lyric about shooting someone in the head was pretty hateful, though.

1st: Chino Moreno. Of COURSE the Deftones singer had to be the best! You may be wondering why I didn't list the guitarist and drummer of the group, though. The guitarist plays pretty basic stuff at least relatively speaking, but the drummer is actually pretty good! But I prefer Nicko. I haven't mentioned the Deftones bassist and you know the reason why. Also, there is a Deftones song actually featuring Maynard AND Chino and surprise, surprise, it's one of the best songs ever.

Supergroup...

Joey Jordison on drums
Steve Vai on guitar
Chino Moreno singing
Anyone on bass

Chaotic drumming, soulful and flashy guitars, and singing that has been described as sounding like 'sex dungeon music'. A nightmare band for most people, but not for me. Not all Deftones songs sound that way, you know? The band's debut album is more depressing than anything. There we have chaotic, soulful, miserable music. Again, it's not going to smash the charts but at least give it a chance, right?

Beta group (Plan B)

Lars Ulrich on drums
EVH on guitar
Anyone on bass again
Maynard James Keenan singing

That's still not a bad band, you know? Many would actually consider that to be a better group! Just expect Lars to wing things on stage which would probably annoy the more sensible EVH and Mr. Keenan. Eddie was known for having a party image on stage, but would he be able to keep things under control or would he snap and tell Lars to concentrate?

Last resort (Plan C)

Nicko McBrain on drums
Marty Friedman in guitar
Anyone on bass

Corey Taylor singing

Ok, we have a thrashy Iron Maiden sound with songs that either sing or shout about killing people... It could work I suppose, but yeah, I'm not sure it would be a supergroup. I'd like it though, and as Corey has sung with other projects, maybe he'd like to sing with mine?? I'm sorry for all the bassists out there for implying they don't really matter, I've actually known the person who wrote the bassline in Dua Lipa's song 'Levitating' since infant school and he's very successful! However, he's not appearing in my dream band as A, I don't think he likes me and B, he plays pop music. Pop music about killing people?? Sorry, no.

To conclude, the only possible band is the last one as the other two have members that are no longer with us. Very annoying because the final band is the worst. It's still better than Metal Allegiance though, as none of those musicians made the top three! And two bassists is very strange, isn't it? Not knowing any better, my brother bought me M.A. LP as a present. It's alright I guess, but not 'super' level as Wikipedia claims. There could be a subconscious reason he bought me it though, as when he was younger, he was one of those people you'd hear from a good way away, blasting bass-heavy music out his car. Maybe he just really, really likes bass?? Again, it would be subconscious as I don't think he's even heard of Metal Allegiance. A matter for Derren Brown... And on that curious note... bye!